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1. THE INSTITUTE OF RETIRED ARMY OFFICERS (IORFAN/

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INSTITUTO DE OFICIALES EN SITUACION DE RETIRO) PLACED A SECOND ADVERTISEMENT CRITICAL OF THE GOV IN EL NACIONAL ON MARCH 10. REF C REPORTED THE FIRST ADVERTISEMENT PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 7 IN EL UNIVERSAL.

2. SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL POINTS MADE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

-- THIS SECOND ADVERTISEMENT IS "TO UNITE US WITH THE NATIONAL SENTIMENT FOR A PROFOUND CHANGE THAT WILL GIVE BACK THE COUNTRY ITS CREDIBILITY, ITS CONFIDENCE, ITS HOPES AND MORALITY";

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: OSCAR J OLSON
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-- "OUR LAWS HAVE BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY VIOLATED ... AND IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY VENEZUELAN TO MAINTAIN THE CONSTITUTION IN FORCE" (COMMENT: THIS IS POSSIBLY A REFERENCE TO THE ARGUMENT THAT ARTICLES 132 AND 250 OF THE CONSTITUTION GIVE THE MILITARY THE "RIGHT" TO INTERVENE IN POLITICS TO PROTECT THE CONSTITUTION - SEE REF D);

-- "THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES TO SEE ... THE PRESENT CRISIS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF WHAT HE CALLS 'THE SHAMEFUL HAPPENINGS OF FEBRUARY 4', WHEN IT IS CLEAR THAT THE CRISIS HAS ROOTS THAT GO MUCH FURTHER";

-- THE PRESIDENT AFFIRMS HE IS "THE LEADER CAPABLE OF LEADING US OUT OF THIS CRISIS" WHEN IN FACT "HE HAS BEEN A DETERMINANT FACTOR (RESPONSIBLE FOR) THE PRESENT SITUATION", AND THEREFORE "HE (CAP) CANNOT CONVERT HIMSELF INTO HIS OWN SAVIOR";

-- THE EVENTS OF FEBRUARY 27, 1989, AND FEBRUARY 4, 1992, WERE THE RESULT "OF THE RESENTMENT OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED IN THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR A BETTER LIFE," AND FOR THIS REASON "WE EXPRESS OUR SOLIDARITY WITH THE INSTITUTIONS AND INFORMED PERSONALITIES OF THE NATION FOR THEIR IDEAS TO RENOVATE AND RESTRUCTURE THE JUDICIAL ORDER, REFORM THE CONSTITUTION, AND TO CONVOKE A REFERENDUM FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY."

3. UNLIKE THE FIRST ADVERTISEMENT, THE LATEST ONE ATTACKS THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE GOV AS "INCOHERENT", SAYING IT "GRAVELY INJURES THE SOVEREIGNTY AND INTEGRITY OF OUR TERRITORIAL PATRIMONY." THE DOCUMENT CITES AS AN EXAMPLE AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE GOV WITH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS THAT ALLOW THEM TO "INTERFERE IN FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY." ANOTHER EXAMPLE CITED IS THE "PROPOSITION TO INSTALL AND OPERATE ON THE PART OF FOREIGN POWERS RADAR AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THAT CLEARLY IS INTIMATELY CONNECTED TO A STRATEGY DESIGNED TO CONVERT OUR NATIONAL ARMED FORCES INTO A (MERE) POLICE INSTITUTION. (COMMENT: THIS CAN ONLY BE A REFERENCE TO THE RECENTLY SIGNED CBRN AGREEMENT.) FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE

PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED BY THE DECISION TO DISACTIVATE
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MIGHT EVOLVE IN ONE OF TWO DIRECTIONS FOLLOWING THE FEB.
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MIGHT DISAPPEAR, WITH THE NATIONAL GUARD EMERGING AS A SUPER ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICE FORCE. ACCORDING TO YEPEZ DAZA, THE USG PROPOSES THIS OPTION, A POLICY IT ALREADY HAS IMPLEMENTED IN PANAMA. HOWEVER, HE STRONGLY FAVORED A SECOND OPTION -- THE NATION "RETHINK" THE ROLE OF ITS

ARMED FORCES, "HEEDING ANEW THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SOCIETY AND THE NECESSITY TO MAINTAIN THE NATIONALITY AND IDENTITY OF VENEZUELA IN THE CONCERT OF NATIONS."
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